

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Treasuries and Accounts Department - Violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 for not obtaining the prior permission for acquiring immovable properties - Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department, Visakhapatnam District, now Joint Director (Retired) - Article of charges – Issued – Explanation Called for - Regarding.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.206

Date:06.10.2023

Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.No.109 Finance (Admn.I) Department dt. 06.10.2023.

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1. In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under Sub Clause (i) of Clause (b) of Sub Rule (2) of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department, Visakhapatnam District, now Joint Director (Retired) in the reference cited, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department, Visakhapatnam District, now Joint Director (Retired) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in connection with the case of "while functioning as Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department during the period from 10-01-1995 to 04-12-2008 did not obtain prior permission from the competent authority and not intimated to the competent authority for acquisition of assets acquired in her name and in the names of her family members."
2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour, in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held, is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations in support of the Articles of Charge is enclosed. A list of documents by which, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained is also enclosed in Annexure-II.
3. Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department, Visakhapatnam District, now Joint Director (Retired), is directed to submit her written statement of defence within (10) ten days of the receipt of this order and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.
4. Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department, Visakhapatnam District now Joint Director (Retired), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges, which are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.
5. Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department, Visakhapatnam District now Joint Director (Retired), is further informed that, if she does not submit her written statement of defence within the stipulated time, further action will be taken as per provisions of Rule 20 of the AP Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. She is specifically informed that this order does not preclude the Government to frame fresh charge/charges, if any, further irregularity/irregularities are noticed during the course of disciplinary action.

7. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

1. Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, the then Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department, Visakhapatnam District now Joint Director (Retired) through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to :

2. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Mangalagiri, Guntur District. He is requested to serve the above G.O. to the retired officer and return the served copy with her dated signature immediately.

3. The DG, ACB, Vijayawada with a request to provide all connected documents listed in Annexure II, III & IV to the individual through the HOD.

SF/SCs(152515)

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//


SECTION OFFICER



ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. BATHULA ARUNA KUMARI, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TREASURIES AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT NOW JOINT DIRECTOR (RETIRED).

That Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, W/o Yanamilli Ajunudu joined in Government Service Treasuries and Accounts department as 10-01-1995 as Assistant Treasury Officer, Kakinada was promoted as Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Officer, DTO, Visakhapatnam from July 2008 and worked as such at Kakinada, Eluru, Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam, District Treasury Office during the period from July 2008 to 04.12.2008.

During the check period from 10-01-1995 to 04.12.2008 while functioning in the above capacities committed grave misconduct in as much as she did not submit annual property returns.

ARTICLE-I

That the Government Servant Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, formerly Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts, O/o DTO, Visakhapatnam while functioning as Deputy Director Treasuries and Accounts department during the period from 10-01-1995 to 04.12.2008 did not obtain prior permission from the competent authority and not intimated to the competent authority for acquisition of assets acquired in her name and in the names of her family members. As mentioned in the Annexure

ARTICLE-II

That the Government Servant Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, formerly Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department O/o DTO, Visakhapatnam while functioning as Deputy Director during the period from 10-01-1995 to 04.12.2008 failed to submit her Annual Property Returns for the years 31-12-1995, 31-12-1996, 31-12-1999, 31-12-2000, 31-12-2001 and 31-12-2007.

Thus Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, formerly Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts Department O/o DTO, Visakhapatnam by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service and thereby contravened Rule 9 (1) (2) (7) R/W 3 (1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. BATHULA ARUNA KUMARI, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TREASURIES AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT NOW JOINT DIRECTOR (RETIRED).

Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari W/o. Yellamilli Arjunudu is a native of Ramachandrapuram, East Godavari District. Her date of birth is 05.01.1957. She entered in Government service in Treasuries and Accounts department on 10-01-1995 as ATO, promoted as Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts department on 08-08-2003 and worked at Hyderabad, Eluru, Kakinada, and Visakhapatnam. She worked as Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts department, Office of District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam during the period from July 2008 to 04-12-2008. She is drawing a basic pay of Rs.20,300 in TSP of Rs.12385/- to 27750/-. She is due to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2015. She is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant.

CHARGE -1

That the Government Servant Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, formerly Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts department, Visakhapatnam, while functioning in Treasuries and Accounts department during the period from 10-01-1995 to 04-12-2008 in various cadres did not obtain prior permission from the competent authority and not intimated to the competent authority for acquisition of assets acquired in her name and in the names of her family members. As mentioned In the Annexure.

On 03.12.2008 at 13.00 hrs a case in Cr No.23/RCA-EWG/2008, against the Government was registered for having in possession of assets disproportionate to her known sources of income and searches have been conducted on the residential premises of the Government Servant and the relatives of the Government Servant on 04-12-2008 and took up investigation.

During the course of investigation the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad through his letter No. K(1)2/21836/08, dated 17-03-2009 informed that the Government Servant has not taken permission from the competent authority for acquiring immovable properties either in her name or in the names of her family members.

Investigation revealed that the Government Servant had acquired the following assets in her name and in the names of her family members and thereby contravened Rules 9 (1) (2) r/w 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Sl. No.	Description of the Assets	Amount(Rs)
1	Purchased a house site admeasuring 423 sq. yards in RS No.78/2, Sarpavaram, Kakinda Rural, East Godavari District vide Doc. No. 4878/1998 in the name of the AO and her husband (joint)	42,300
2	Purchased house plot admeasuring 25 cents, in RS No.132/2, situated at Patha Gannavaram, East Godavari District vide Doc. No. 1895/2007 of SR, Ambajipet, East Godavari District in the name of her husband Sri Y. Arjunudu.	2,25,000

3	Purchased house plot admeasuring 23.5 cents, in RS No. 132/2, situated at Patha Gannavaram, East Godavari District vide Doc. No. 1896/2007 of SR, Ambajipet, East Godavari District in the name of her husband Sri Y. Arjunudu.	8,76,000
4	Purchased house site admeasuring 96.8 yards, in RS No.353/2, situated at Pothavaram village of P. Gannavaram Mandal, East Godavari District vide Doc. No. 267/2007 of SR, Ambajipet, East Godavari District in the name of her son Nagarjuna S/o Y.Arjunudu.	10,000
5	Purchased Agricultural land of 26 cents, in RS No.353/1, situated at Pothavaram village of P. Gannavaram Mandal, East Godavari District vide Doc. No. 266/2007 of SR, Ambajipet, East Godavari District in the name of her son Nagarjuna, S/o Y.Arjunudu.	35,000
6	Constructed G+2 RCC building in the year 1989-90 bearing door No. 1-38/2, in the name of the AO and leased to Siddardha Degree College, Razole in 1st ward, RS No. 128/2 out of an extent of 12575 Sq.ft. vide lease document No. 1883/2007 of SR, Razole in the name of the husband Y. Arjunudu of the AO.(approx plinth area of the construction is 3000 Sq.feet at Rs.850/- per sq.feet)	5,61,600
7	Constructed RCC building bearing door Nos. 1-38/1 Ground Floor in the year 2001-02 and I and II Floors constructed in the year 2005 in the name of the AO and leased to Govt. BC Boys hostel, Razole in 1st ward, RS No. 128/2 out of the extent of 12575 Sq.ft. vide lease document No. 1883/2007 of SR, Razole in the name of the husband Y. Arjunudu of the AO in an approximate plinth area of 2000 Sq. feet at Rs.1000/- per Sq. feet.	7,12,800
8	Purchased house site of 200 Sq.yards in D No.9-6-3/1, Gandhinagar, Tirumala Rao Street, Kakinada in the name of SO vide document No.8233/1996 of SR, Kakinada.	1,40,000
9	Two Deposits in Indian Overseas Bank, Prakash Nagar Branch, Rajahmundry in the name of the husband of the AO Sri Yallamelli Arjunudu.	14,000
10	Constructed one Duplex house in a plinth area of 200 sq. yards bearing D.No. 9-6-3/1, Tirumala Rao Street, Gandhi Nagar, Kakinada, East Godavari District during the year 2001-2002 in the name of the AO (The cost of the site value of Rs.140000) vide assessment No.35467 approx. plinth area of 1800 Sq.ft @ Rs.900/- per sq. feet.	10,12,000
11	Cash found in the house of the Accused Officer and in the house of the husband of the Accused Officer during searches.	30,290
12	Gold Ornaments found in the house of the Accused Officer during the searches.	1,23,000
13	Gold Ornaments found in the locker bearing No. 28 in the name of the Yallamelli Arjunudu in the bank of Indian Overseas Bank, Rajyalakshmi Women's college Campus, Rajahmundry.	50,675

14	Gold Ornaments found in the locker bearing No. 67 in the name of the daughter of the AO Yallamelli Madhuri the bank of Corporation Bank, Pulaparthi Vari Street, Kakinada.	5,18,200
15	Silver Ornaments found in the house of the AO during the searches.	24,000
16	Household articles found in house of the AO during the searches.	3,61,660
17	Household articles found in the house of the husband of the AO during the house searches at P. Gannavaram, E.G. District.	32,900
18	Household articles found in the Office room of the husband of the AO bearing D.No. 6-97, Gollala Veedhi, P. Gannavaram village sod and Mandal E.G. District.	2,28,500
19	Outstanding balance in A/c No 1070 of Bank of Baroda, Eluru in the name of the husband of the Accused Officer.	1,107
20	Outstanding balance in A/c No 631301503380 of ICICI Bank, Eluru in the name of the Accused Officer.	5,280
21	Outstanding balance in A/c No 20016901168 of SBI, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam, in the name of the AO Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari.	35,258
22	Outstanding balance in A/c No 30580930213 of SBI, Maharanipeta, Visakhapatnam, in the name of the AO Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari.	40,000
23	Outstanding balance in A/c No. 30191667142 of Bank of SBI, Eluru in the name of Yallamelli Arjunudu, Eluru.	1,065
24	Outstanding balance in A/c No. 01190/065377 the name of Bathula Aruna Kumari. of SBI, Eluru in the name of Bathula Aruna Kumari.	56,309
25	Outstanding balance in A/c No. 10616292762 of SBI, Eluru in the name of the Accused Officer.	722
26	Purchased two Second hand buses for the purpose of College of Siddhartha Jr. College, P. Gannavaram (V) and Mandal, E.G. District. AP37W8625.	3,00,000
27	Purchased one Tata Indica V2 Car bearing Registration No. AP 5 AA6663 in the name of the husband of the AO Sri Yallamelli Arjunudu.	3,39,421
28	Balance in A/c No. SB/01/012465 of Corporation Bank, Kakinada in the name of the daughter of the AO Yellamilli Geetha	22,192
29	Balance in A/c No. SB/03/000031 of Corporation Bank, Kakinada in the name of the daughter of the AO Yellamilli Geetha.	7,778
30	Balance in A/c No. SB/03/000031 of Corporation Bank, Kakinada in the name of the daughter of the AO.	4,714
31	Purchase a plot No. 727 in Janchiatnya Housing Limited in the name of the daughter of the AO Yellamilli Geetha.	1,03,212
32	Purchase a plot No. 728 in Janchiatnya Housing Limited in the name of the daughter of the AO Yellamilli Deepthi.	72,000

33	Purchased Ambassdor car vehicle No. AP 05 8889 o 24.10.2004 with benami name of gubbala veeramsetty S/o Arjunudu, Tirumala Rao Street, Gandhi Nagar, Kakinada.	3,15,401
34	Purchased a house site vide doc. No. 11386/2005 of SRO, Eluru in the name of he son of the AO Yellamilli Nagarjuna.	45,500
35	Balance in A/c No. SB/01/008838 in the name of the husband of the AO Sri Yallamilli Arjunudu.	922
36	Deposit in SBI, Visakhapatnam in AC No. 3073130754 in the name of the daughter of the AO Yllamilli Madhuri.	5,00,000
37	Balance in A/c No. 30583597202 in the name of the daughter of the AO Yellamilli Madhuri.	500
38	Purchased house site at Hyderabad an extent of 300 Sq.Yards, survey no. 82, Plot No.29 at Hayatnagar, Hyderabad.	30,000
39	Purchased second hand sunny Zip bike for the daughter of the Accused Officer during the year 1997 from Srinivasa Auto (P) Ltd and taken loan from Padmapriya Auto Finance, Kakinada.	12,500
40	Purchased second and trendy bike for the daughter of the Accused Officer during the 12-3-99 from and taken finance from Kamalapriya Auto Finance, Visakhapatnam.	10,500
41	Purchased one tailed house in D.No. 5-20, P. Gannavaram in the name of the husband of the Accused officer Sri Yellamilli Arjuindu in the year 2008 of SR, Ambajipet.	30,000
	TOTAL ASSETS	69,32,306

CHARGE-II

That the Government Servant Smt. Bathula Aruna Kumari, formerly Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts O/o DTO, Visakhapatnam while functioning as Deputy Director, Treasuries and Accounts during the period from 10-01-1995 to 04-12-2008 failed to submit her Annual Property Returns for the years 31-12-1995, 31-12-1996, 31-12-1999, 31-12-2000, 31-12-2001 and 31-12-2007.

On 03.12.2008 at 13.00 hrs a case in Cr No.23/RCA-EWG/2008 against the Government was registered for having in possession of assets disproportionate to her known sources of income and searches have been conducted on the residential premises of the Government Servant and the relatives of the Government Servant on 04-12-2008 and took up investigation.

During the course of investigation the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad through his letter No. K(1)2/21836/08, dated 17-03-2009 informed that the Government Servant submitted APRS for the years 31-12-1997, 31-12-1998, 31-12-2002, 31-12-2003, 31-12-2004, 31-12-2005, and 31-12-2006. Therefore the investigation revealed that the Government Servant failed submit his Annual Property Returns for the years 31-12-1995, 31-12-1996, 31-12-1999, 31-12-2000, 31-12-2001 and 31-12-2007.

As such the Government servant failed to submit his APRS for the years 31-12-1995, 31-12-1996; 31-12-1999, 31-12-2000, 31-12-2001 and 31-12-2007 during the entire

period of his service and thereby contravened Sub-Rule (7) of Rule 9 r/w 3 (1) & (2) of APCS conduct Rules 1964.

Thereby the Government Servant has therefore rendered herself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE-III
LIST OF WITNESSES TO BE EXAMINED

1. The Administrative Manager, Office of the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2. T. Kanaka Raju, inspector, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru.
3. Any other witnesses they may be produced at the time of conducting enquiry.

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
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ANNEXURE-IV
LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1. Copy of FIR in Cr No.23/RCA-EWG/2008 dated 03-12-2008.
2. Letter of the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad through his letter No. K(1)2/21836/08, dated 17-03-2009 along with copy of APR submitted by A.O during the tenure of her service.
3. Any other documents produced at the time of enquiry.

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